GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:691
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LEVYING OF EXTRA CHARGES FOR THE OVERDRAWN POWER BY KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to levy extra charges for the overdrawn power by Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have approached by the Court challenging the said decision; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to drop levying extra charges for the overdrawn power by Karnataka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has been constituted under the Regulatory Commission Act, 1998 to inter alia regulate the tariff of generating companies owned and controlled by the Central Government, and regulate inter State transmission of power. The CERC has issued the Availability Based Tariff (ABT) order to reform the tariff structure of bulk power so as to improve grid discipline and operation. The ABT has the following three components :

(i) Fixed charge

(ii) Variable charge

(iii) Unscheduled interchange (UI) charges − which is a frequency linked component to be charged on generators/distributors violating the grid discipline.

(b) : Yes, Sir. The petitions filed by the State of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in their respective High Court have been transferred to a Division Bench of the Delhi High Court on the orders of the Supreme Court of India.

(c) : As wide frequency fluctuations tend to cause serious damage both at the generation and load ends, the application of ABT is necessary to enforce grid discipline by all generators and those drawing power. ABT order is being introduced in phases.